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SUBJECT: NEW FRENCH AMBASSADOR TO LAOS, ROGER DUZER

1. ROGER DUZER, CURRENTLY DEPUTY DIRECTOR FOR ASIA HANDLING NORTH ASIA (CHINA, KOREA AND JAPAN), INFORMED EMBOFF HE EXPECTS TO GO TO LAOS IN LATE JULY TO REPLACE AMBASSADOR CARDI. DUZER IS AN OLD ASIAN HAND WHO HAS SERVED IN JAKARTA, TAIPEI, NORTH VIETNAM (1956 - 1957), TCKYO, WASHINGTON AND PEKING. HE HAS A GOOD KNOWLEDGE OF CHINESE AND HAS BEEN THE FRENCH GOVERNMENT'S PRINCIPAL AUTHORITY ON CHINA FOR THE PAST SIX YEARS. DUZER HAS A FINE MIND AND A SOLID KNOWLEDGE OF ASIA, PARTICULARLY CHINA. HE HAS VERY GOOD JUDGMENT AND UNLIKE MANY OF HIS COMPATRIOTS IS NOT PRONE TO VIEW CHINA, NORTH VIETNAM, ET AL, THROUGH DOCTRINAIRE SPECTACLES. DUZER IS ALSO BASICALLY FRIENDLY TO AMERICANS AND UNDERSTANDS OUR POLITICS IN ASIA AS WELL AS OUR APPROACH IN FOREIGN POLICY. HE LOOKS FORWARD TO HIS ASSIGNMENT; HE THINKS IT WILL BE AN INTERESTING TIME TO BE IN LAOS. HE ALSO HOPES TO HAVE FRUITFUL CONTACTS WITH THE CHINESE THERE. EMBASSY VIENTIANE SHOULD FIND DUZER A STIMULATING

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ADDITION ON THE DIPLOMATIC SCENE. DUZER REQUESTED THAT

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